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# TRANSFORMERS WAR WITHIN

THE DARK AGES



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THE **TRANSFORMERS** GENERATION ONE  
MORE THAN MEETS THE EYE!  
**THE ONGOING SERIES!**

#2

**FLOAT LIKE  
A BUTTERFLY,  
STING  
LIKE A  
BEE!**



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THE PRAETORUS  
WHARF.

MIDWAY BETWEEN  
IACON'S BORDER REGIONS  
AND NOVA CRONUM.

ALTOBOOTS  
MOVE!

WE CAN'T--  
UNNG!

WHUMPH!

GGHG!

FWOOOM!

KROOF!

## THE DARK AGES

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CAN'T  
WHAT? CAN'T HARM  
ME, SAVE YOURSELVES,  
HOPE FOR HELP TO  
ARRIVE IN TIME?

WELL, ANYWAY,  
RIGHT ON *ALL*  
COUNTS!

BUT DO *TRY* AND  
RESIST. THIS IS SOMETHING OF A  
*TRIAL RUN* FOR ME, AND I NEED TO  
WORK ANY LINGERING *BUGS* OUT  
OF THE SYSTEM...

MARK!

HHR, ALL OF  
YOU...*MOVE!* MAYBE  
WE CAN'T OUTGUN IT...

BUT I'M  
BETTING WE CAN  
*OUTRUN* IT!

YOU MEAN RUN IT IN  
CIRCLES AND THEN POP IT  
ONE IN THE EXHAUST VENT  
WHEN IT *ISN'T* LOOKING?  
MY KIND OF PLAN!

C'MON, LITTLE  
BUDDY--*OVER*  
YOU GO.

OH--*UFF!*  
THANKS,  
JAZZ.

SPLIT UP, FIND  
COVER! WE'RE *WAY*  
TOO EXPOSED OUT  
HERE!

LET'S GIVE IT  
SOME *MOVING*  
TARGETS!







NOW  
THIS...

...IS THE BIT  
I *REALLY* LIKE!

SKART CHRM!!!

SKIDS!

THIS IS *PROWL*!  
ALL AVAILABLE AUTOBOT  
UNITS, REPORT ETA AT  
PRAETORUS WHARF.  
SITUATION CRITICAL!

WATG!

DAMMIT--



"--IS ANYONE  
RECEIVING ME?"

ORBITAL TORUS  
STATE: URAYA...

ALL I'M SAYING,  
GRIMLOCK, IS IT WOULDN'T  
HURT, JUST THIS ONCE.

FOR LAST TIME,  
SWOOP--NO! LET  
AUTOBOTS FIGHT THEIR  
OWN BATTLES.

WE HAVE  
APPOINTMENT  
IN NEUTRAL  
TERRITORIES.

JETFIRE,  
RIGHT?

AND WHAT, IT'S GOING TO  
TAKE ALL FIVE OF US TO KICK  
HIS SORRY TURNCOAT TAIL?  
C'MON! WHAT IS IT WITH  
YOU AND HIM?

NO  
COMMENT.

LOOK--IT'S NOT THAT  
I CARE OVERMUCH *WHAT*  
HAPPENS TO PROWL'S  
MOB, IT'S JUST...

...I SO  
WANT A CRACK AT  
THAT DECEPTICON  
BATTLE-BASE.

WE  
ALL DO!

TOO  
RIGHT!

THAT--

--IS  
ENOUGH?



MATTER  
NOT OPEN FOR  
DEBATE!

KNEW JETFIRE *BEFORE*.  
HIM AND SHOCKWAVE SHARE  
SAME ALMIGHTY "WE KNOW MORE  
THAN THOU" MINDSET, SAME GOALS.  
NOW THEY MEET UP, IN SECRET,  
IN NEUTRAL TERRITORIES.

ME LONG SUSPECT  
JETFIRE PLAY *OWN* GAME,  
NOW ME HAVE *PROOF*!

ONLY THING *WE*  
KNOW FOR SURE IS THE  
BATTLE IS *THAT* WAY!  
SWOOP'S RIGHT... YOU  
CAN HANDLE JETFIRE!

YOU CHALLENGE,  
GRIMLOCK? ME BOSS  
OF LIGHTNING STRIKE  
COALITION, ME GIVE  
ORDERS!

SLAG FOLLOW  
ORDERS!

LOOK AT IT  
*THIS* WAY, GRIMLOCK. AFTER  
THAT DECEPTICON SECRET  
WEAPON *BITES* INTO  
AUTOBOT TERRITORY...

...WHERE DO YOU  
THINK THEY'LL POINT  
IT NEXT?



THE NEUTRAL  
TERRITORIES:

FORMER FREE-TRADING/  
SETTLEMENT ZONE...

WHERE  
IS HE?

DID HE  
CHANGE HIS MIND?  
DID HE SUSPECT  
A TRAP?

OR DID  
I WALK INTO  
ONE?

HE'S NOT  
COMING. I--

ON THE  
CONTRARY...

...I AM *ALREADY*  
HERE, JETFIRE. I HAVE  
BEEN SO FOR ONE POINT  
TWO BREEMS.



A DEGREE OF CAUTION  
SEEMED LOGICAL, GIVEN  
OUR *CURRENT* RESPECTIVE  
ALLEGIANCES.

SUCH  
AS THEY  
ARE.

BUT YOU *DID* COME,  
SHOCKWAVE. BECAUSE,  
LIKE ME, YOU KNOW THAT  
*SOMETHING* IS LOOSE ON  
CYBERTRON...AND IT HAS  
US *ALL* IN ITS SIGHTS!

AND CYBERTRON...  
IS WHAT IT'S ALWAYS  
BEEN ABOUT.

YOU  
HAVE THE  
DISK?

PLANETARY  
SURVEILLANCE,  
EVENT-CORRELATED  
WITH THE RECENT  
UPSURGE IN  
INTER-FACTION  
ENGAGEMENTS.

TOGETHER,  
THEY FORM A  
FULL INITIATION  
CHRONOLOGY...

...ONE THAT WE  
CAN TRACE BACK  
TO THE SOURCE OF  
EVERY LEAK, EVERY ROGUE  
FRAGMENT OF STRATEGIC  
DATA THAT IS FINDING  
ITS WAY INTO--

--THE *WRONG*  
HANDS?

ZAKK!

ZOW!

HAARK!

THOSE  
WOULD BE  
*OURS*!



THE PRAETORUS  
WHARF

AH, GOOD  
REINFORCEMENTS!

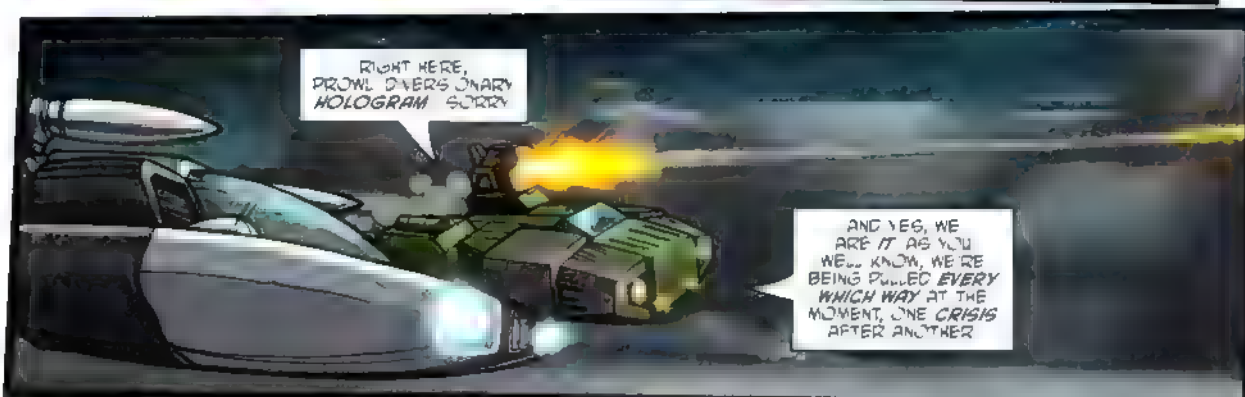
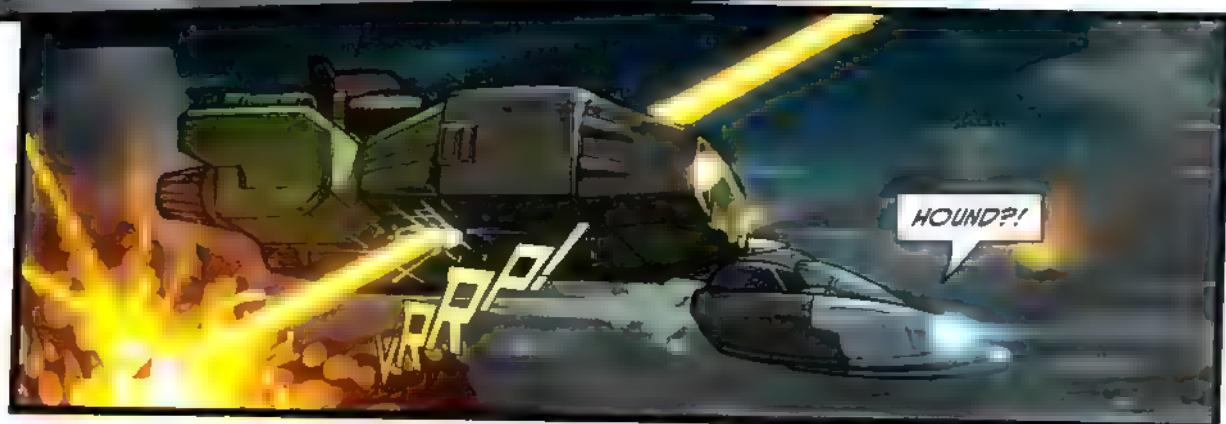
HO-O-BOY! SURE  
DIDN'T NEED MY PARTICULAR  
SKILLS TO TRACK THIS BIG,  
BAD 'BOT DOWN!

SOMEONE NAIL  
THIS OVERSIZED SCRAPLET,  
HE'S TAXING MY FORCEFIELD  
TO THE MAX!

IN CASE YOU  
HADN'T NOTICED,  
TRAILBREAKER, WE'RE  
TRYING! AND FAILING

WITH  
STYLE!







THE NEUTRAL TERRITORIES

THE NEUTRAL TERRITORIES

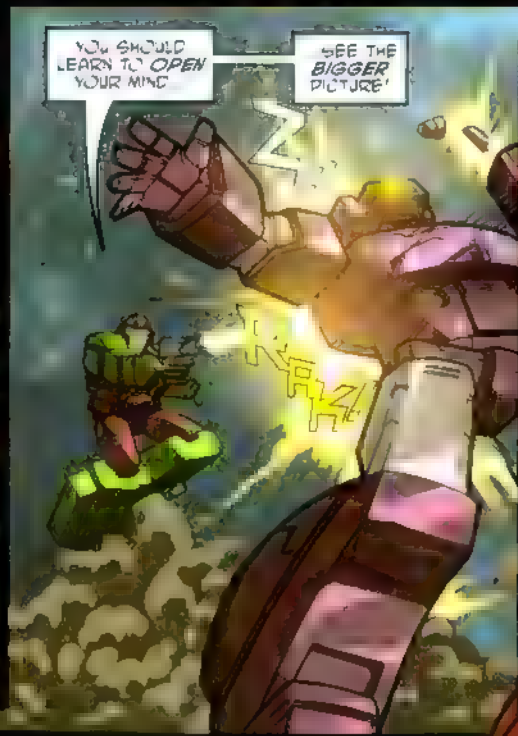
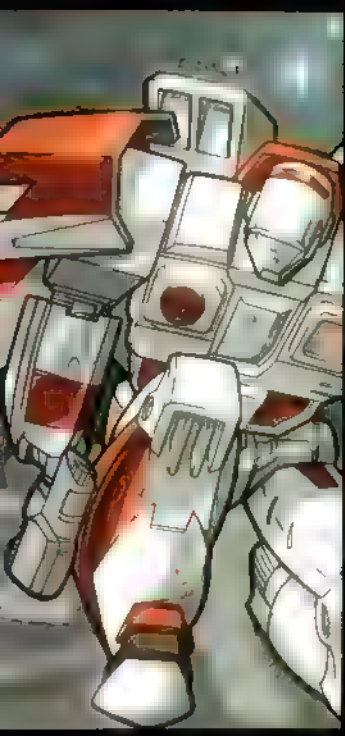
ONCE UPON A TIME, I'D HAVE NEVER DARED GO ONE-ON-ONE WITH YOU, SHOCKWAVE

BUT THESE DAYS



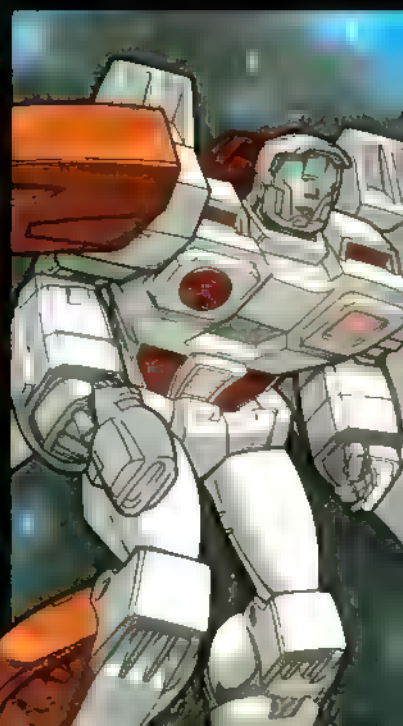
YOU WON'T BELIEVE THE THINGS WE CAN DO

POW!



YOU SHOULD LEARN TO OPEN YOUR MIND

SEE THE BIGGER PICTURE!

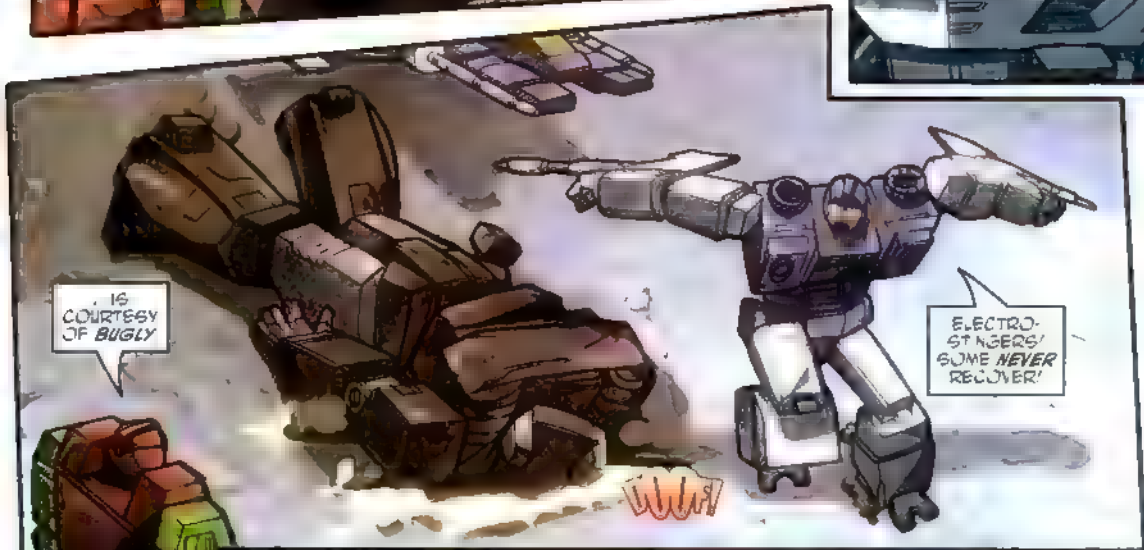
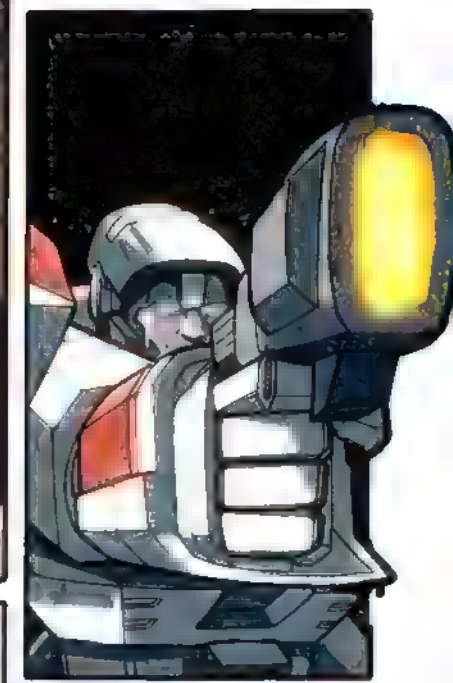






THAT'S *DARK SCIENCE*  
FOR YOU! THERE ARE MORE  
THINGS IN THE UNIVERSE AND  
CYBERTRON THAN ARE *DREAMED*  
OF IN YOUR PHILOSOPHY!

OK, AND THAT  
CREEPING *PARALYSIS*  
YOU'RE FEELING



... IS  
COURTESY  
OF BUGLY

ELECTRO-  
STINGERS!  
SOME *NEVER*  
RECOVER!



BUT  
THEN, IT'S NOT  
*HIM* WE'RE  
AFTER

IT'S  
*YOU!*







ANY  
FIGHT LEFT  
IN YOU?

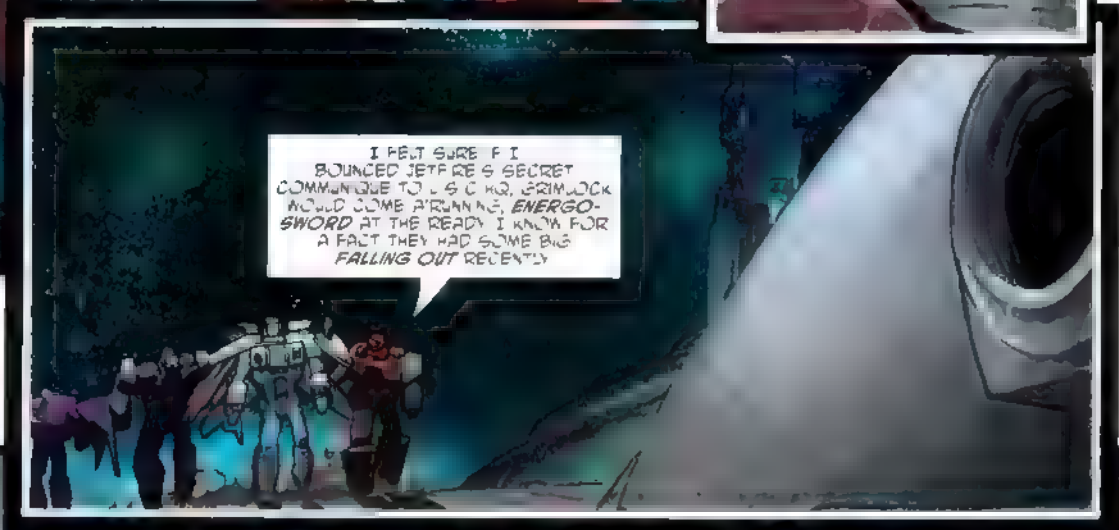
NO, THERE  
WOULDN'T BE NOT  
AFTER *MINDWIPE* ZAPPED  
YOU WITH HIS HYPNOTIC  
OPTICS

C'MON LET'S  
GET YOU BACK  
TO THE *FALLEN*



WHAT ABOUT  
*GRIMLOCK*, *BLUDGEON*?  
NO SIGN OF HIM

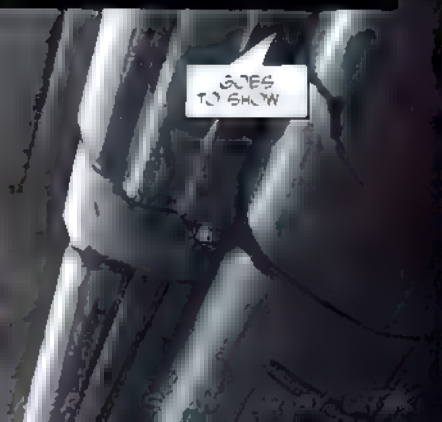
NO I  
MISJUDGED  
HM



I FELT SURE F I  
BOUNCED JETFARE'S SECRET  
COMMUNIQUE TO L&C HQ, *GRIMLOCK*  
WOULD COME AIRDROPPING, *ENERGO-  
SWORD* AT THE READY. I KNOW FOR  
A FACT THEY HAD SOME BIG  
*FALLING OUT* RECENTLY

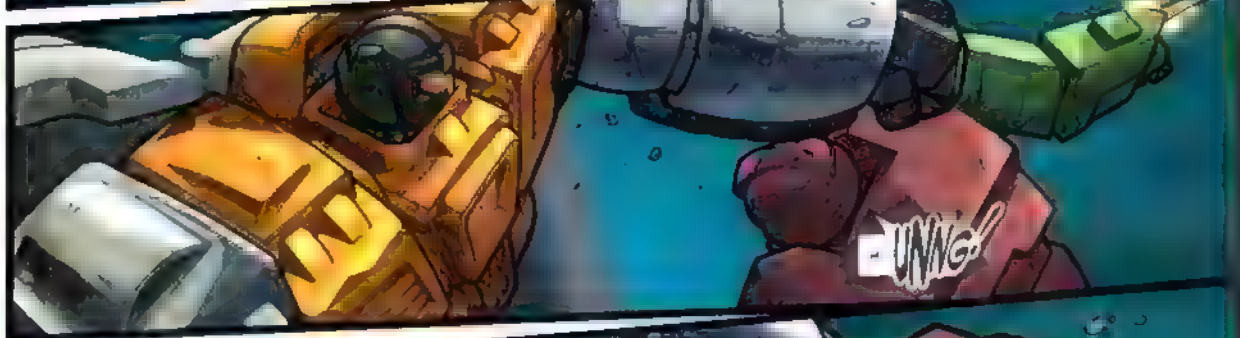
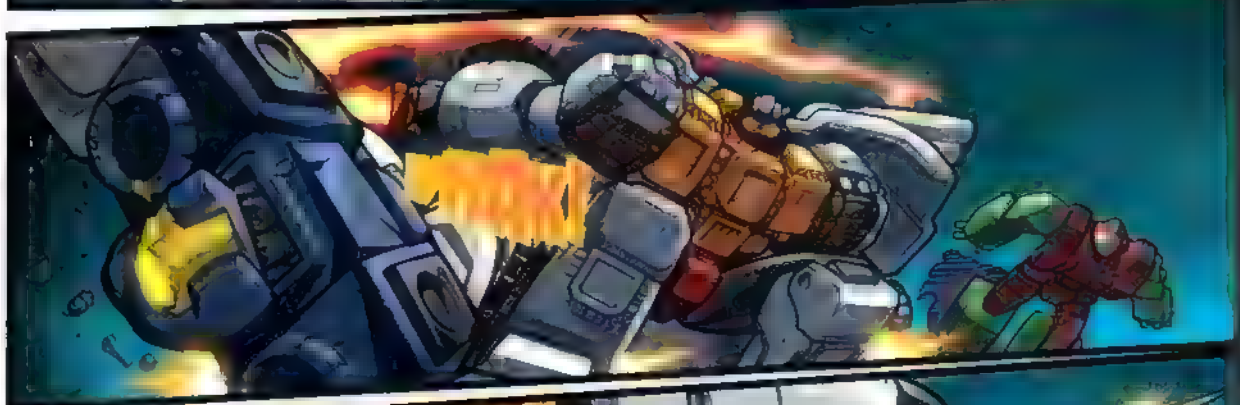


JUST  
GOES TO  
SHOW



GOES  
TO SHOW













TRADE  
SECRET\*

OH,  
WELL, ER,  
THANKS.

LOOK, I KNOW WE  
HAVEN'T ALWAYS SEEN  
EYE-TO-EYE, BUT RIGHT  
NOW THIS HAS TO BE OUR  
JOINT PRIORITY. BLUDGEON  
MENTIONED A NAME, THE  
FALLEN, AND... ER...

WHAT WAS  
THAT THING ME  
HAVE TO DO?

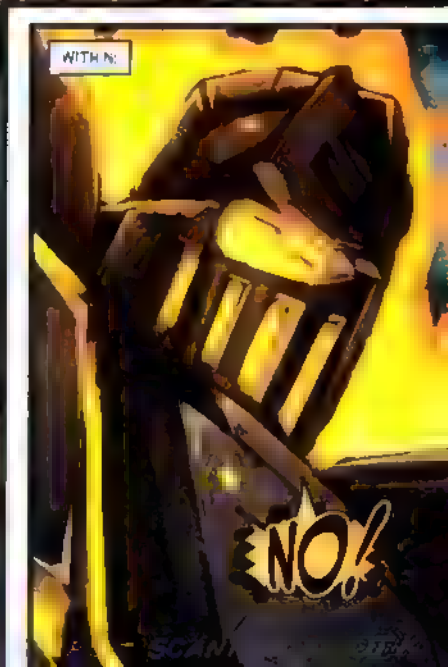
GRIMLOCK?

OH, YES

EXECUTE YOU  
FOR TREASON!



CRASH!



WITH ME.

NO!

SCAN... 016...



THE PRAETORIUS  
WHARF

I DON'T MEAN  
TO GET PERSONAL,  
BUT WHO EXACTLY  
DESIGNED YOU?

I MEAN  
WHAT ARE YOU  
EVEN SUPPOSED  
TO BE?

UH-HUH-HH  
PRETTY DUMB  
LOOKING

OO- TEMPER,  
TEMPER!

THAT'S A  
NERVE THERE  
SNARL, C.O.  
BUD

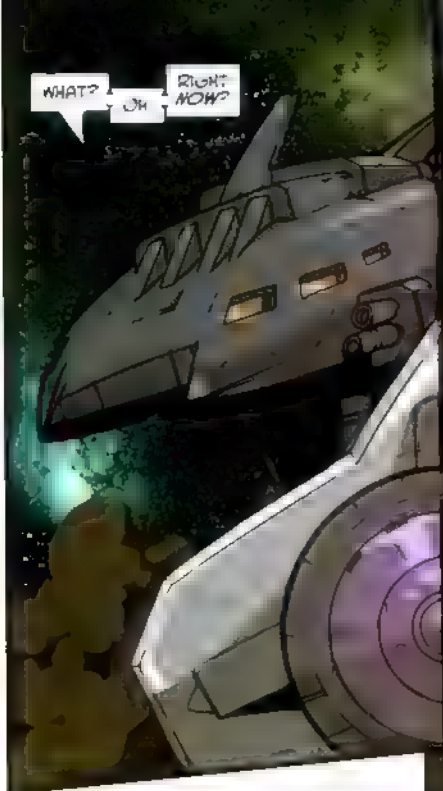
CONCENTRATE  
YOUR FIRE

AIM FOR ANY  
EXHAUST PORTS OR  
VENTS THERE'S GOT  
TO BE A WEAK SPOT  
SOMEWHERE!

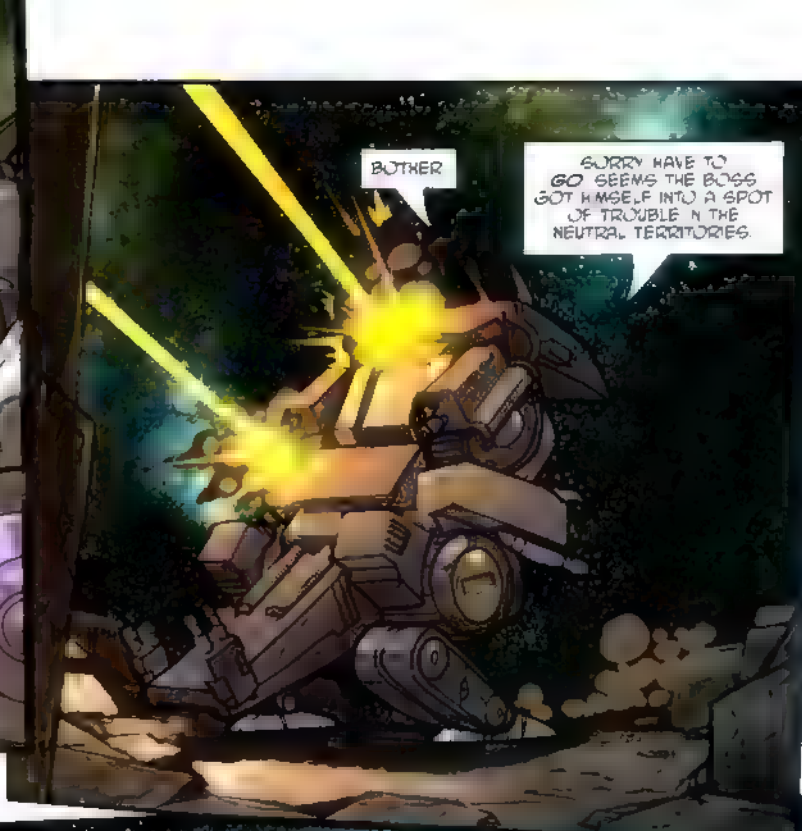
THERE'SNT  
NOW HOLD STILL  
I PROMISE, YOU'LL  
BARELY FEEL

A



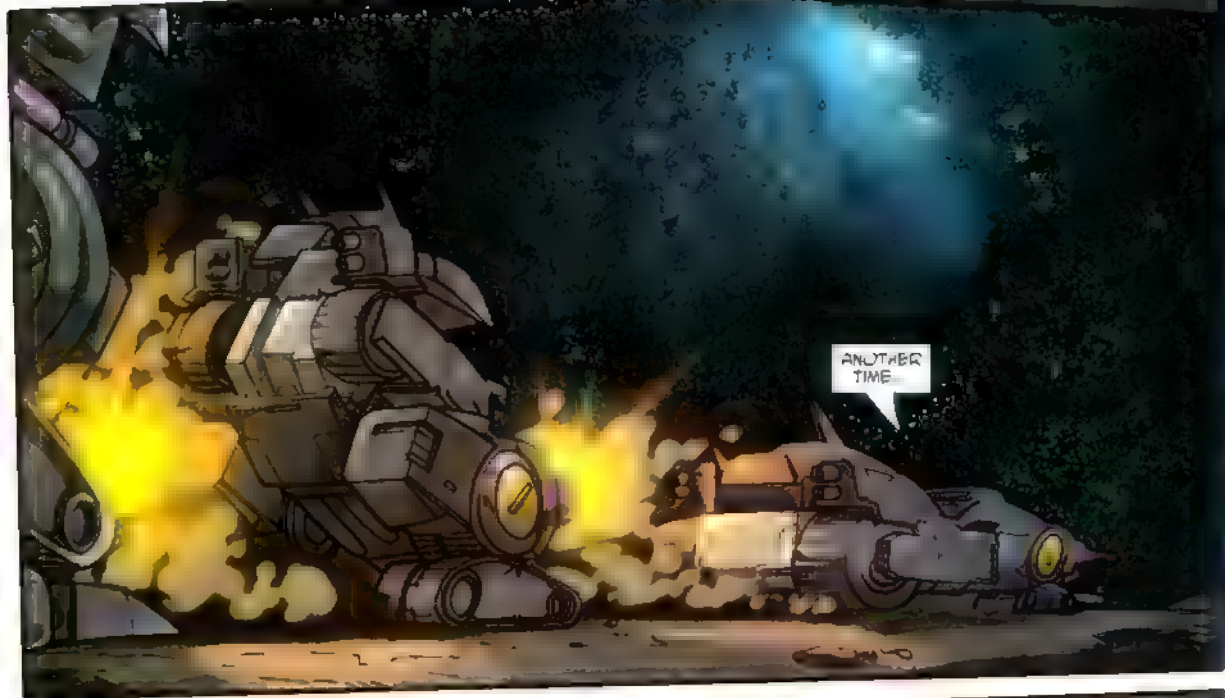


WHAT?  
OH  
RIGHT NOW?

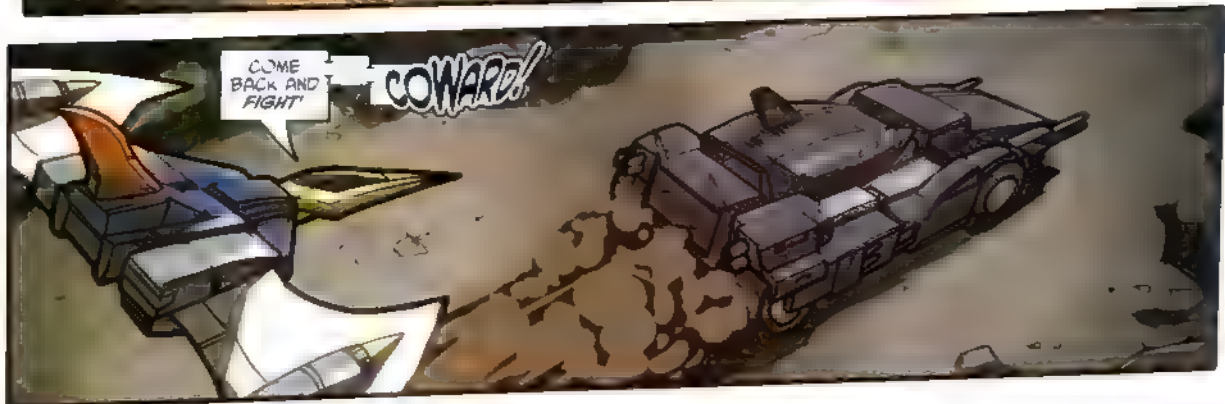


BUTHER

SORRY HAVE TO  
GO SEEMS THE BOSS  
GOT HIMSELF INTO A SPOT  
OF TROUBLE N THE  
NEUTRAL TERRITORIES



ANOTHER  
TIME



COME  
BACK AND  
FIGHT!

COWARD!



THE NEUTRAL  
TERRITORIES

W WAIT  
WAIT!

THIS ISN'T  
WHAT YOU THINK!  
GRIMLOCK!

RAK

THERE'S MORE  
GOING ON HERE  
THAN YOU KNOW  
MUCH MORE!

YOU MUST HAVE  
NOTICED THE SUDDEN  
ESCALATION THERE'S  
THAT DECEPT CON BATTLE-  
BASE FOR A START!

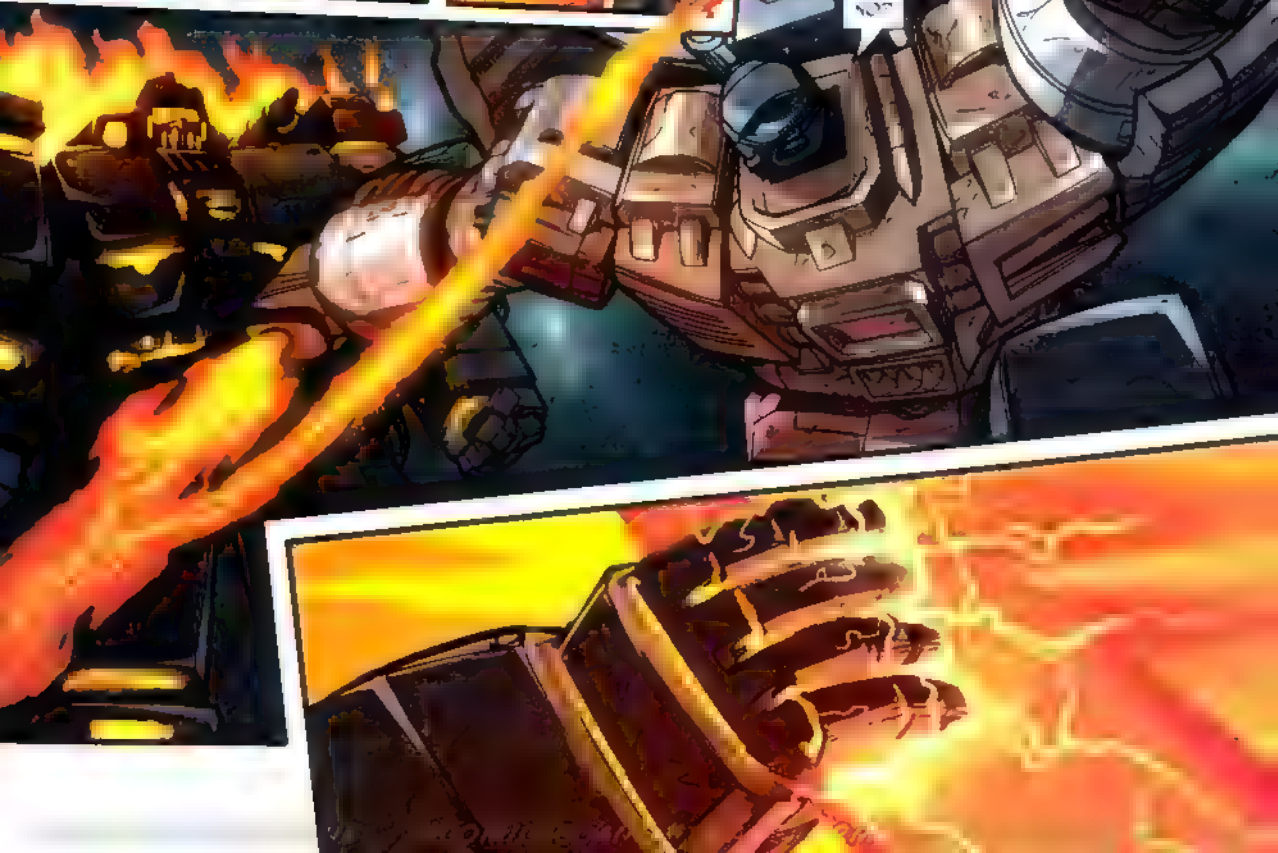
DON'T YOU SEE?  
WE'RE BEING PULLED THIS  
WAY AND THAT, A RUMOR  
HERE, A LEAK THERE  
MANEUVERED INTO...

FORGET YOU  
AND ME AND THAT  
MISUNDERSTANDING

THOSE THREE  
THAT ATTACKED US,  
THEY'RE WORKING FOR  
SOMEONE SOMEONE  
WHO...

HH!  
LISTEN!









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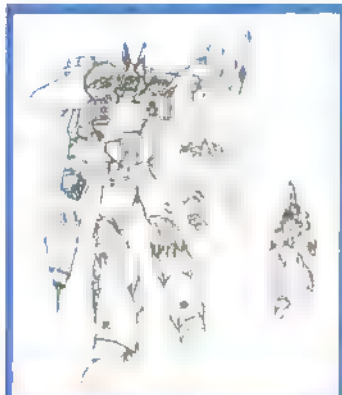


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# DECLARATIONS OF WAR

Remember our "Design a War Within Transformer" art contest? It seems like you all do, because we've gotten a ton of awesome entries for it! So, let's not waste space on words when we can show some of the art ...



"CYCLOPS & NIGHTSNEER" by JOSH NECLINE



"ULTIMA MAGNUS" by ERIC BELLMORE



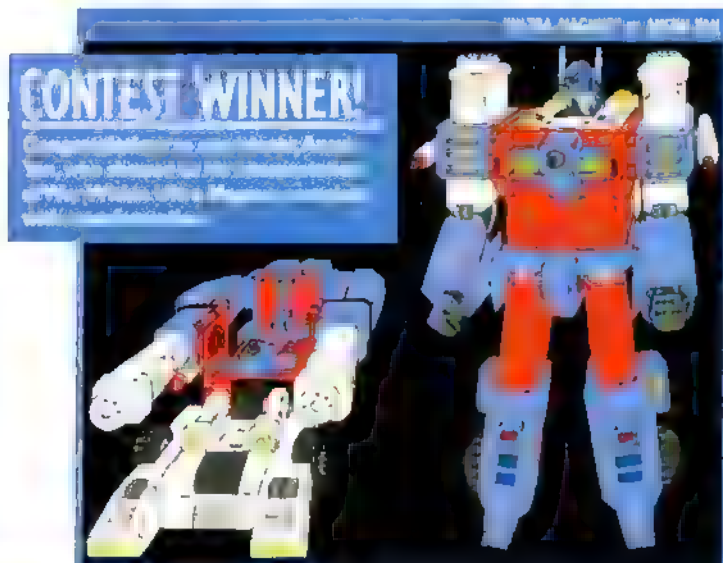
"GALVATRON" by STEPHEN BENG



"DANCE" by SAM BINSKY



"SUNSTREAMER" by CHAD OLSTED



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## COOLER THAN HELL.

### DEVIL MAY CRY: "COOLER THAN HELL"

Dante leaps from the video game screen this **February 2004** and onto the comic pages of *Dreamwave's* new series, **DEVIL MAY CRY**. Tackling the adventures of Capcom's stylish mercenary are the **TRANSFORMERS: GENERATION ONE** team of **Brad Mick** and **Pat Lee**! Brad Mick's motto for writing the series: "If it moves, shoot it... and if it's still moving, then kick it 'til its teeth come out the back of its skull!"

Born of the demonic lineage, Dante is a gun-toting merc specializing in the paranormal who constantly struggles to maintain control of his supernatural side. This four-issue limited series will loosely chronicle Dante's adventures from the first *Devil May Cry* video game. "I want this to be THE 'rock-n-roll' comic book," says Mick. "It's got to have tons of hardcore action and look damned good while doing it. I see this book as the perfect vehicle to translate the energy and action from films like *Blade* and *The Matrix* into comic book form."

*Dreamwave* President and series penciler Pat Lee is just as excited about the series: "This book is action-packed with some serious depth that will flip you upside down! Think of *Matrix* meets *Lord of the Rings* with a smack of a demon's hand."

In *Book One: 'Evil Woman'*, Trish gets the lowdown on the enigmatic Dante as we watch the half demon, half human gun-for-hire do what he does best – but is it enough when this mercenary with a mouth goes blow-for-blow against the demon lord known as Phantom? "The series will cover one's ability to accept oneself," adds Mick, "as well as how nothing in this world is truly black and white. Dante desperately struggles to contain his demonic form, and conversely, his 'cool guy' attitude helps hide the pain for the loss of his family and shame of his demonic heritage."

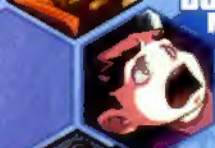
*Devil May Cry #1* is set to hit comic stores in **February 2004**, and will feature covers by **Pat Lee**, **Michael Turner**, and **Jae Lee**, as well as a **CG** cover for gamers.



## HOT THIS MONTH:



**MAXIMO #1**



**DUEL MASTERS #3**



**TRANSFORMERS: GENERATION ONE (ONGOING) #1**



**TRANSFORMERS: ENERGEN #19**



**TRANSFORMERS: G.I. JOE #5**



**TRANSFORMERS: WAR WITHIN - THE DARK AGES #4**



Yesssss, my turn at *Wavelengths*! Well, all I can say is that it has been a wicked year for everyone here at *Dreamwave*. I've recently taken on the position of Art Director, and since then, I cannot express how great it is to have a say in the creative process of our comics. From working with all our in-house artists daily, to the artists we have from all around the world, it's great to be able to feed off of each other's ideas, and hopefully to challenge each other creatively to give the fans the best product we can.

We have some really cool projects coming up in the new year. Of course we're all waiting for *Devil May Cry* and Pat Lee's secret project, which I will be helping out on. I have to say that working on *Transformers* has been a dream come true for me, coming from a *Transformers* generation. That is the main reason for me wanting to be part of the *Dreamwave* crew! Seeing those first Optimus and Megatron posters really made me say, "This is definitely where I want to work!"

## FROM THE DESK OF ROB RUFFOLO

**TITLE:**  
Art Director  
**CURRENT PROJECTS:**  
All of them! Phew!  
**PAST PROJECTS:**  
Colors for *TF: War Within Vol. 1* & *TMNT*  
**FAVORITE TUNES:**  
Almost anything.  
**FAVORITE TRANSFORMER:**  
Wheeljack, role model to Italian robots everywhere.  
**I'VE ALWAYS WANTED TO:**  
Play "Plinko" on *The Price is Right*

What possibly could be better than living out your childhood dreams when you're an adult? The feedback has been amazing not only from fans but also the common person who just remembers what *Transformers* are.

Another thing I've really enjoyed is receiving all the artists' submissions. It's great to see all the different types of art, and all the talent out there. I really encourage anyone send their work to me, because at least then I can try to help out, give feedback, and of course we always need new talent right?

Anyways, I'm out, it's the end of the column so until next time, peace.

**RUFF**

Rob Ruffolo  
Art Director, *Dreamwave Productions*

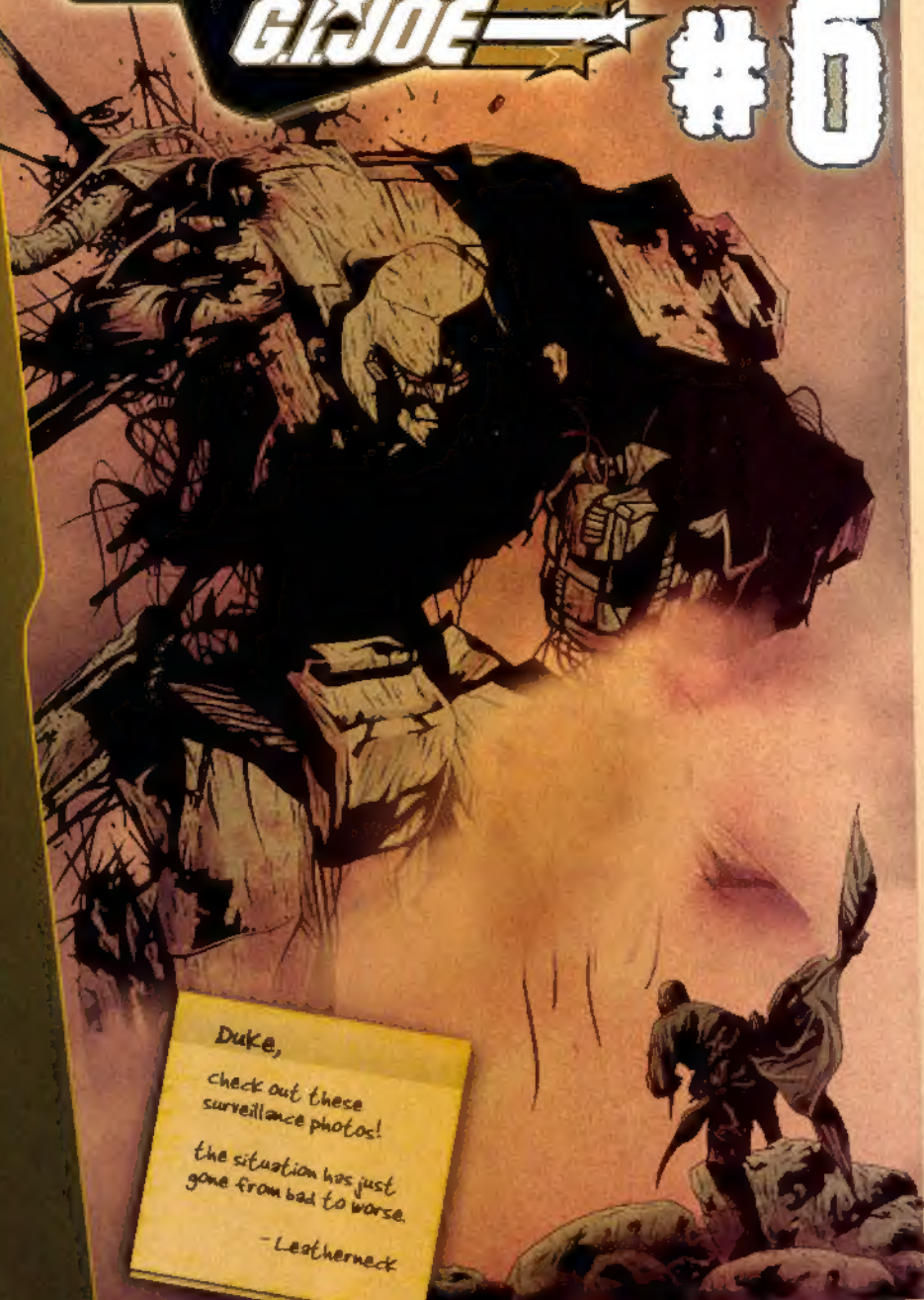
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# TRANSFORMERS GI JOE

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Duke,  
check out these  
surveillance photos!  
the situation has just  
gone from bad to worse.  
- Leatherneck

chronicled by John Ney Rieber photographed by Jae Lee

## THE EPIC CONCLUSION!

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